

In the claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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15. (Currently amended) ~~The combination as defined in Claim 11~~ In
combination, a cutter bit and a rotary cutter tool, the combination comprising:
a motor;

a chuck rotatably mounted on the motor;

a hole extending through the center of the chuck having a length;

a cutter bit having a body and a shank;

the shank fixed to be mounted in the hole and having a length and a free end;

a boss integrally formed with the shank and extending radially outwardly from

the shank intermediate the body and the free end; and wherein the shank length

from the boss to the free end is less than the hole length; and in which the chuck

is openable and closeable with a chuck wrench, and in which the chuck wrench

fits the boss for removal of the cutter bit from the chuck.

²16. (Currently amended) ~~The combination as defined in Claim 9 in~~

combination, a cutter bit and a rotary cutter tool, the combination comprising:

a motor;

a chuck rotatably mounted on the motor;

a hole extending through the center of the chuck having a length;

a cutter bit having a body and a shank;

the shank fixed to be mounted in the hole and having a length and a free end;

a boss extending radially outwardly from the shank intermediate the body and

the free end; and in which the chuck is openable and closeable with a chuck

wrench, and in which the chuck wrench fits the boss for removal of the cutter bit

from the chuck.

³ 17. (Original) The combination as defined in Claim ² 16 in which the shank length from the boss to the free end is less than the hole length.

⁴ 18. (Original) The combination as defined in Claim ³ 17 in which the boss is integrally formed with the shank.

⁵ 19. (Original) The combination as defined in Claim ⁴ 18 in which the boss includes a lower annular flange and an upper annular flange spaced from the lower annular flange, and in which a concave area extends between the upper and lower annular flanges.

⁶ 20. (Original) The combination as defined in Claim ⁵ 19 in which the boss is positioned adjacent the body.

⁷ 21. (Original) The combination as defined in Claim ⁶ 20 in which the boss lies adjacent the chuck when the shank is mounted within the hole.

22. (Canceled)

⁸ 23. (Original) A method for changing a cutter bit in a rotating cutting tool comprising the steps of:

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²⁴ loosening the chuck on the rotating cutting tool with a wrench;

placing a wrench around a wrench engagement area on the bit;
removing the bit from the rotating cutting tool with the wrench.

⁹₂₄. (Original) The method as defined in Claim ⁸₂₃ in which the wrench for loosening the chuck and the wrench for removing the bit are the same wrench.

¹⁰₂₅. (Currently amended) The method as defined in Claim ⁹₂₄ comprising the further setup step of:

abutting a the boss on the bit to the chuck when the bit is reinserted into the chuck.